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TAGS: MARR, RP

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH MARCOS RE GOP YOUTH ORGANIZATION

- PRESSURE ON BASES ISSUE

REF: MANILA'S 13572 AND 13661

1. NOTED TO MARCOS AUGUST 9 I HAD READ WITH INTEREST
KABATAANG BARANGAY (KB) OPEN LETTER AGAINST BASES (REFTELS).
WITHOUT BLINKING, PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD ASKED HIS DAUGHTER
IMEE WHAT SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS DOING IN SIGNING SUCH A
LETTER, ASSERTING THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE IT WAS IN WORKS.
IMEE HAD REPLIED THAT SHE HAD SIGNED LETTER, WHICH SHE
RECOGNIZED REFLECTED SENTIMENT OF RADICAL WING OF KB ON
BASES, BECAUSE IN HER OPINION IT WAS BETTER TO HOLD KB
TOGETHER AND KEEP RADICALS WITHIN ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN
DRIVE THEM TO AGITATE OUTSIDE OF KB. IMEE REPORTEDLY ADDED
THAT KB ELEMENTS HAD WANTED TAKE MORE DRASTIC ACTION OF
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ENCOURAGING STRIKES AT BOTH CLARK AND SUBIC TOGETHER WITH
DEMONSTRATIONS IN NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS.

2. MARCOS SAID HE HAD TOLD IMEE THAT KB SHOULD COOL OFF ON
ISSUE AND HAVE REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH LOCAL LEADERS OF
OLANGAPO AND ANGELES COMMUNITIES TO DISCUSS HOW THOSE COM-
MUNITIES SAW THE BASES SINCE THEIR LIVELIHOODS WERE MOST

DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

3. I COMMENTED THAT WHETHER OR NOT LETTER PUBLISHED IN PRESS REFLECTED VIEWS OF ALL KB MEMBERS, I ACCEPTED THAT KB SAW ITSELF AS AIRING ISSUES WHICH WERE VALID ONES FOR FILIPINO YOUTH. HOWEVER, I DID NOT BELIEVE THAT LETTER IN QUESTION INDICATED MUCH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EITHER THE BASES OR THE AID OR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE USG AND GOP. SAID I WOULD BE MAKING SPEECH THIS COMING WEEKEND ON US SECURITY POSTURE IN THE PACIFIC WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH SOME OF KB'S POINTS BUT I WAS THINKING ALSO OF CONTACTING KB LEADERS TO PROPOSE MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC AND AID OFFICERS FOR FRANK DISCUSSION OF US-PHILIPPINE RELATION. MARCOS SAID HE LIKED THIS IDEA AND WOULD PASS IT ALONG TO IMEE. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD WAIT ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE PROPOSING IT. SUGGESTED THAT WHATEVER REPS CAME FROM EMBASSY SHOULD BE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF. FURTHERMORE, HE KNEW THE KB LEADERS WOULD WANT ANY SUCH MEETING TO BE ON "NEUTRAL"GROUND, ADDING "THEY WON'T EVEN COME TO SEE ME AT MALACANANG".

4. COMMENT: PLAN WAIT TO SEE IF MARCOS DOES IN FACT TAKE ANY ACTION WITH HIS DAUGHTER AND OTHER KB LEADERS. OBVIOUSLY THESE PUBLIC ATTACKS ON BASES SERVE TO "VALIDATE" HIS OWN POSITION THAT HE FACES INCREASING PRESSURES ON BASE-RELATED ISSUES. AT SAME TIME I AM NOT INCLINED TO DISMISS
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HIS ASSERTION OUT OF HAND THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN KB ARE GENERATING THIS CAMPAIGN WITHOUT HIS HAVING DIRECTLY INSPIRED IT. MURPHY

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